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IMPORT OF TELECOM INSTRUMENTS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the telecom instruments imported in the country during each of the last three years;

(b) the amount of payment made in foreign exchange on account of importing telecom instruments during the above said period;

(c) whether the Government has also granted permission to import telephone instruments during the current year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) Telecom equipment including telephone instruments are broadly covered under ITC (HS) Code 8517 and 8525.20 and imports under these heads, during the last three years, are as under:-

Year	Imports (Rs.in Crore)
2001-2002	2,603.51
2002-2003	7,664.70
2003-2004	11,629.45

(c) & (d) Import of telecom equipment including telephone instruments is allowed freely and, therefore, no permission is required from the Government.